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SUBJECT: CONSEC - NOB LAGOS

ABIDJAN FOR OIC/TSO, LAGOS FOR RSO, NAIROBI FOR RSS, OIC/
RTC; FROM A/SY/OPS/T

REF: (A) TSR DATED 28 SEP 77, (B) RSO LAGOS LETTER DATED
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1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS CONCERN FOR SUBJECT SURVEILLANCE
NEED, BUT REGRETS PERSONNEL RESOURCES DO NOT PERMIT OPTIMUM
SOLUTION, I.E., FULL-TIME, GROUND-BREAKING TO RIBBON-CUT-
TING COVERAGE. ALTERNATIVE IS TO IDENTIFY LATEST POINT
DURING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WHEN EFFECTIVE, MEANINGFUL SUR-
VEILLANCE CAN START. TO THIS END, IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED
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THAT SY CONSEC EFFORTS ARE INTENDED TO DETER OR AT LEAST
DISCOURAGE ATTEMPTS TO INSTALL CLANDESTINE LISTENING SYSTEMS
AND/OR DEVICES WITHIN THE STRUCTURE AND UTILITIES SYSTEMS
OF ALL SENSITIVE OFFICES AND SPACES IN THE FUTURE CHANCERY.
ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION TASKS, AND EVEN EXPERT OBSERVATION OF
CONSTRUCTION/WORKMANSHIP QUALITY, ARE NOT REPEAT NOT FUNC-
TIONS OF CONSEC PERSONNEL, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD OF COURSE

NOTE ANY OBSERVED DEFICIENCIES. WHILE THE BASIC BUILDING

STRUCTURE CAN BE COMPLETED WITHOUT SURVEILLANCE, TO BE AT ALL EFFECTIVE CONSEC MUST START PRIOR TO ANY REPEAT ANY INTERIOR ITEMS SUCH AS PLASTERING, CEILINGS, WIRING, PANELLING, ETC. IT IS INTENDED THAT CONSEC SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED IN SUCH FUTURE AREAS AS THE EXECUTIVE SUITE, CONFERENCE ROOM, POLITICAL SECTIONS, DAO, LEGATT, ETC., I.E., ALL SPACES WHEREIN CLASSIFIED/SENSITIVE MATTERS WILL BE DEALT WITH. WHILE THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SUCH COVERAGE, IT IS DEFINITELY NOT THE ONLY SPACE TO BE SURVEILLED.

2. ACCORDINGLY, TSO ABIDJAN IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHICH SPACES PER GUIDANCE ABOVE SHOULD BE SURVEILLED AT NOB LAGOS; CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THOSE SPACES, I.E., WHEN WILL SUCH ITEMS AS ELECTRICAL WIRING, AIR CONDITIONING, CEILINGS, DOORS AND FRAMES, PLASTERING, PANELLING, ETC. BE STARTED; ESTIMATION OF NUMBER OF SEABEE CONSEC PERSONNEL TO EFFECTIVELY COVER THE NEEDS, POSSIBLY INDICATING DIFFERENT NUMBERS FOR VARIOUS PERIODS OF TIME.

3. WITH ABOVE, SY WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE SEABEE PERSONNEL PER YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS INSOFAR AS RESOURCES PERMIT. VANCE

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